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"Israel's Indiscriminate Massacre and Its American Accomplice"

Left-leaning Hankyoreh Shinmun editorialized (01/08): "Most of the more than 600 Palestinians killed so far are civilians. Under no circumstances can this kind of massacre be justified. Nevertheless, President Bush supported Israel, saying that Israel has decided to defend itself. A UN resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza has not been adopted in the face of American opposition. As Israel's biggest donor, the U.S. is the only country capable of putting the brakes on the Israeli massacre. However, far from persuading Israel to stop, the U.S. is acting like an accomplice. The U.S. has a lot of blame to bear for this continuing slaughter."

Stephens